

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Stephen Alexander Vaden, 2000
Valedictorian of Union City High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Alexander Vaden is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Stephen Vaden has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Vaden has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication to academic excellence, Stephen has been a valued and active member of the student body at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member and the Treasurer of the Beta Club, and a member of the Spanish Club and Art Club; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated countless hours to the yearbook staff as the editor's assistant during his junior year, and as the editor during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his knowledge and gift of helping others learn, Mr. Vaden served with probity as a tutor throughout his estimable high school career; and

WHEREAS, he also was instrumental to the baseball team, where he served as the team Statistician and Manager; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments, Mr. Vaden has received countless honors and accolades including, First Honor Roll and Top Ten in each of his four years of high school, Kiwanis Student of the Month, U.S. China Student Emissary, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, *Who's Who Most Intellectual*, National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, and Voice of Democracy Essay Contest County Winner; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was also selected to the Governor's School for International Studies where he was awarded the "Best Model UN Delegate," and served on the Governor's School Newspaper Staff; and

WHEREAS, he committed several hours of time and effort as a member of the Sophomore Quiz Bowl, and was an instrumental member of the winning 1999 UCHS Quiz Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, he received the Daughters of the American Colonists award for Outstanding Student in American History as well as the Good Citizen County Winner; and

WHEREAS, the list of honors is endless; Mr. Vaden received Student Excel Awards ranging from Contemporary Issues and Spanish, to World History and Sociology; and

WHEREAS, Stephen is a devout and active member of the First Baptist Church where he has served with probity as a Royal Ambassador Student Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Stephen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Vaden's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Union City High School Valedictorian, Stephen Alexander Vaden, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.